MICHIGAN BREEDS DEAD BEAT DADS

Michigan Laws Breed "Dead Beat Dads" and is an "Accomplice" to revengeful and vindictive women, who set out to destroy the fathers! The State of Michigan holds the hands of these women and supply's them with the weapons to threaten and use to destroy the heart, soul and even the spirits of the fathers! The State has destroyed ANY family normalcy, by helping the mothers alien Nate the fathers from the children. The State monetarily benefits from the hardships of broken families or relationships. And this should not be!

If the State of Michigan is for the children, then it should be providing fair and just ways for the children to be with both parents. It took 2 people to make a baby; it should take both to raise them. Whether married or out of wedlock, should not make any difference!

We want HB 5267 SHARED PARENTING launched in this State. Equal parenting, equal supporting, equal financing, equal nurturing, equal everything. The child would be provided for by each parent while in their care. The current Child Support system MUST be abolished.

The State of Michigan should welcome this, if your outlook and motive is for the child's best interests and not thinking of monetary gain. The children need their fathers and the fathers want to be with their children. I have grandchildren who want to live with their father but can't, because the father still leaves with us, his parents, as all his money goes for child support and has none to support himself. I have a letter from my granddaughter, stating that she wants to live with her dad.

The current system automatically sets the fathers up for failure. It creates Dead Beat Dads and Breeder MOMS. I have 3 sons and have seen 1st hand the injustice of the system and know many people that have been abused by the system.

The traditional family, no longer exists. As a woman might have 3 children, all of which have different fathers, and vice versa. Most relationships end NOT on greatest terms, leaving the door wide open for hateful revenge, using the children as pawns.

The horror cases of what fathers are going through is unbelievable! Men in their 30's & 40's living with their parents because they can't afford to set up housing for themselves and their children, while the mother is living comfortably, with her significant other.

Tell me, if these women didn't have children, would they still be living with parents? Of course not, she would establish housing for herself. So housing should not be part of a cost for the father of a child she might have. It is called "Child" Support, not "Mother" of my Child Support!

This so called "Child Support", the State sets so high, it's unreachable! My sons' Child Support was set at over \$1600.00 a month, and he was making \$8.00 an hour, only grossing \$1280.00 a month. That is set for failure. He lives below poverty, while the arrearages' keep accumulating, digging a bigger pit for him. What's wrong with this picture? It is said that the state will not take more that half of a pay check. That is untrue and I have a copy of a year to date pay stub to prove it. After 5 months grossing little over 7,000.00, his net showed \$615.00. That is unbelievable!

In the EYES of the SYSTEM, He has stood in a court room being humiliated and being called a Dead Beat Dad and told, he wasn't paying his child support, when everything he was making was going for Child Support, but he didn't make enough to meet the amount the State required of him. He has been dodging the bullets of the State, trying to do what's right, with the system constantly trying to drag him down.

I mentioned that the State of Michigan holds the hands of these vindictive women and supplies them with the "Weapons" to destroy the father. Let's look at some of those weapons!

- 1. The opportunity to haul the father into court for anything, and often, (which takes the father from his job, in turn could jeopardize his job) In fact jobs have been lost, due to frequent trips to court, yet she doesn't show up. (I have witnessed this time and again) BUT if the father didn't show up, he would be in contempt of court! And a warrant for his arrest may be issued.
- 2. She just uses the Prosecutor (at no charge), BUT the father needs to pay for his attorney. (Now if he can't afford one, he might get a court appointed one IF he didn't gross too much.) My son grossed too much, even though all his money went to child support and his net wasn't enough neither to live on nor to pay for an attorney!
- 3. Drivers License is threatened(this jeopardizes his job)Especially if truck driving is his occupation
- 4. Jail time(this loses his job)
- 5. May get charged with a felony(jeopardizes even getting a job)

This is just to name a few!

The State provides programs to help the women with Medical, WIC, food stamps, even with education. When there is no help at all for fathers who can't make a living or provide a home for their children.

If the child is born on Medicaid (Only the father has to pay that back) Why? That should be split between the mother & father. But even so, what other group of people in the State have to pay back Medicaid? Tell me!

In the current formula, when a woman lives with or marry's another, and has more children, they don't play apart in the scenario of the formula. Why? Then when they can't pay their bills, due to their bigger family, they try to gouge the one who pays child support for more money. The fathers can't seem to get ahead. If they get a raise, they get hit for more support. That is not right! It's hard for the fathers to start new families, when they can't even support themselves and their current children

How much does it cost to raise a child any way? What would you pay on your child for a week? Do some people really spend \$400.00 a month on one child? Do you? To most of these women it's about getting more money for themselves and the children don't even see it.

I know a couple who had to file bankruptcy when both were working and living in a tiny single wide trailer, he was paying \$300.00 a week for 2 daughters, while his ex wife and her new husband, lived in a big house, had the toys(snowmobiles and such) and both were working. This is not right!

Another divorced woman I know, was living with a boyfriend, the boyfriend had a part time job and was going to school. She had his child, but the bills were not being met, so she wanted more child support from her ex-husband, and wanted to try to tap his bonuses and 401K. She was even thinking of quitting her job to get more child support. That's just so **NOT right!**

Under the current system, the women should've been required to itemize how they spent the money, prove if the child was in child care. The money should've be counted as income for the mother and paid taxes on it. Any cost of housing should not be counted as she'd be setting up a place for herself to live, even without children. And the fathers should get statements, so they can keep track of the money that is taken from them.

The current system punishes you for being a father. It hounds you and makes you feel like a criminal. It actually creates you to be one, by making you a felon. It threatens to take your drivers license or put you in jail, even though you are working. That is unjust and ridiculous. It's like biting the hand that is trying to feed. You surely can't pay child support while sitting in jail or keep a job if you can't drive to it. Keep the jails and prisons for **REAL CRIMINALS. Not for fathers!**

The current system gives too much power to the women who only want to destroy the father or take him for every penny.

The mother of one of my grandsons wanted my son to sign off his rights, to have her new husband adopt him. She swore she would make his life HELL if he didn't sign off. AND SHE DID! For 6 years he battled trying to keep his son. Trying to make the child support required of him, trying to stay out of jail, the money for attorneys, which HE didn't have the money and my husband and I had NO MORE TO GIVE.

She was one that would call my sons employers and sometimes go there. This is harassment. The social workers at Friend of the Court said she would constantly pester them, that some didn't want to speak with her anymore. I spoke with workers from FOC, Lawyers, Detectives, Police Officers and others in the system, that agree, the system is not fair to fathers. It is one sided and geared for mothers. And this mother used some of the above listed weaponry that the State supplied her with, to get what she wanted, revenge on my son.

She also emotionally brain washed my grandson into thinking that my son was not his real dad, nor I, his real grandmother. We were just people he had to go with once in awhile. He would literally go into a tantrum, screaming and crying, "You're not my real dad or family", "I don't want to go with you!" After a while of calming him down, he was ok for the rest of the time. Now that is EMOTIONAL ABUSE! This child at the age of 4 was put on BI-Polar medication. PLEASE! He was with her 99.9 percent of the time. That sure speaks volumes.

After 6 years of fighting, and now dealing with the emotional effect on my grandson, my son made the hardest decision of his life. For the emotional health of his only son, he agreed to write off his rights. This grandson had half sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, a whole family that could have poured love into that child, and now will never have that chance.

WHAT A TRAGEDY! SHE WON WITH THE HELP OF THE SYSTEM!

SHOULD THAT MAKE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROUD? IT SHOULDN"T!

My youngest son just had his 1st child, a daughter. It was out of wedlock, which seems to be the norm, in this day and age. And he wants his child half the time. She will be 1 year old, the end of December. He's had to establish his rights and had to use a stepping system to build his time with her, because she was born out of wedlock. WHAT IS THAT? THE MOTHER WAS JUST AS UNWED AS HE WAS! She didn't have to establish her rights. He shouldn't have to fight for the right to be with his child. HE'S THE FATHER! It "IS" HIS RIGHT! HE HAS A RIGHT TO RAISE HER TOO!

If HB 5267 was in place, he would have his child half the time. He wants to be MORE apart of her life than just an every other weekend dad.

THIS LEGISLATION IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO! SO PLEASE DO IT!

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